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The President's Pen



By Ike Chapman, KE4GYM

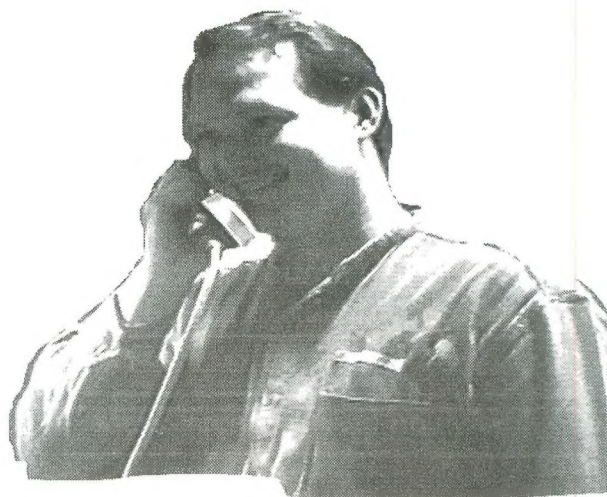
I hope all of you enjoyed the Alford Hamfest as much as I did, it was great seeing old friends that you only seem to run into at hamfests and making new acquaintances. Thanks goes out to Johnny Fearon, W4WKP for organizing our staff for the **GARS** club information booth and the club flea market table. Thanks also to all of those that took time to help out with one or both of those operations. The club was able to see a few of the donated items and we took part of the proceeds to purchase an Alinco DJ-S11T to give away as a door prize at the upcoming **GARS** Christmas party.

Speaking of the Christmas party, please make plans to attend. It will be at the same location as last year, the Falcon Inn in Suwanee. We'll have a larger room than last year so

we won't have to worry about the draft from the door to the outside. Suzanne and John Farr, KD6CLO have been getting all the plans in place and are selling tickets for the party. The club does pick up part of the expense but we do have to charge a fee to make up the difference. Ticket prices are the same as last year, \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple. Kevin McClure, KF4HFN will be our DJ and there will be plenty of room for dancing. The **GARS** Ham Of The Year award will be presented as well as the **GARS** Service Awards. As I mentioned above, we have an HT to give away and we'll have other door prizes as well. It will be a great time so I urge you to get in touch with Suzanne and John and get your tickets.

The nominations for

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This month's feature is Jeff Cutchins - KF4NBD (No bad day). Jeff preferred to be the first Turkey/Ham of the Month, since he will be featured in the November - Thanksgiving issue of the Garzette. After talking to this witty guy, I now know the true meaning of Turkey of the Month.

Jeff was born in Atlanta at Crawford Long Hospital.

He attended grammar school at Rowland Hills and Atherton elementary schools and later attended high school at both Towers and Henderson. As a youngster Jeff became interested in radio due mainly in part to the fact that his grandfather was an engineer for an AM radio station

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GARS Holiday Extravaganza
According to Webber's dictionary, ex-trav-a-gan-za: a lavish or spectacular show or event, see also...

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The GARZETTE

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Ares SkyWarn

By Lowry Rouse, KM4Z
Gwinnett Co. E.C.



S.E.T. 1997 is now history and in the record books. The Gwinnett Co. ARES participated in a search and rescue event on Oct. 4th, using Tribble Mill Park as our training field. This proved to be successful and very educational as to where we are in our abilities as a team. The communications equipment and setup was excellent. Mike Campbell's (KF4HLM) portable 2 meter setup (that's the wooden box with the 2 meter equipment we used for talk-in at field day this year) worked like a charm as a Field Emergency Operations Center. We even checked into the Ga. ARES net on 3.975 MHz. Tom Crowell (KU4CK) used his Kenwood TS-430s and 80 meter mobile whip to contact the Net Control Station directly from our operations center in Tribble Mill Park.

Our simulated emergency was based on an eight year old girl being lost in a patch of woods within the park. It was further complicated by the fact that she was deaf (a last minute surprise that KU4CK placed on us) so she couldn't respond to our verbal calls out to her. We were going to have find her by our search procedures. Tom (KU4CK) led one team into the woods and I (KM4Z) led the other team. We found out quickly that forming a line with individuals 15 to 20 feet apart and walking in a straight line through the woods while looking up, down and all around for a lost person was a hard task to accomplish. Tom's team found the "simulated lost child" (which by the way was his daughter Amber) but my team didn't.

After the first walkthrough, our two teams joined together to make a large sweep through the woods to find another simulated lost person and to practice our search procedures again. We used Buddy Menshew (Bubba KE4YZS) as our lost person this time. Well, Buddy is an illusive person, we walked through the woods twice and didn't find him.

The search group accused him of sneaking out of the woods and going to a Waffle House while we were working to find

him. We decided to call it a day around 1 pm Saturday afternoon. Also involved in the SET was the District Emergency Coordinator, Steve Strong (KS4EL). He was representing the Ga. Search And Rescue Association. Steve's group had



Photo by John Sokol, KE4KPV

two dogs to help participate in the search.

The search dogs were young German Shepards that were in the early stages of training. The dogs found the missing child very quickly but when searching for Buddy, they overlooked him. That's why we thought Buddy had left the woods and went to a Waffle House. The real reason was the dogs

...ARES/SkyWarn

we're confused about who they were searching for, Buddy or the girl. Anyway the group had a good laugh about that one.

In critiquing the SET, it was

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decided that a class needed to be presented to the ARES group on the subject of search and rescue techniques. Then we might go to a football field and practice walking in line and marking our path of search so we won't be wandering aimlessly around. Then we'll be ready for another trip to the woods for a SET and see how much we have improved. Our points should be tallied up by the Nov. GARS club meeting night and will be announced then.

If anyone reading this article is bilingual and would be willing to interrupt for our ARES group, please contact me at 770-972-7248 or e-mail at km4z@bellsouth.net. There have been some situations come up recently where the disaster victim's could not speak English and an interpreter would have been invaluable tool to have.

Well that's it for another month. Be sure to keep your ready bags stocked and ready to go. Cold weather is here and this means apartment fires will probably become more frequent and we'll be working with the Red Cross on placing these burned out individuals into temporary quarters.

Participating in SET 1997 were:

KF4HLM KF4TMO
KE4IKC KF4NBI
KF4MLH with Family & horses
KE4VTH with Family & horses
KE4YZS KF4KDF
KS4EL WT4XX
AB4DV KF4PZZ
KA4SFG KD4GPI
KU4CK KM4Z
KF4HLH

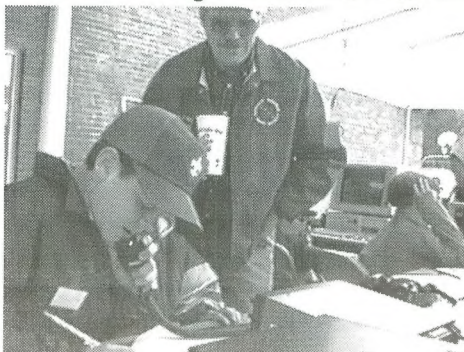
WELCOME!
NEW
MEMBERS

Jack Perry, KN6DO
Judy Perry, KD6LNP
Bill Prince, KT4ED
Membership total = 297

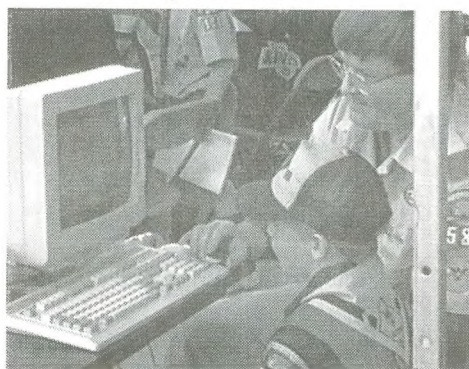
Jamboree On The Air

JOTA has come and gone again but what a time was had by all. After the Scouts were 'shown the ropes', it was hard to tell who was showing who.

David Adcock, KA4KKF is seen here applying minimal instructions as these scouts were eager to learn...and did so!



Photos by Joe Biddle, AD4PZ

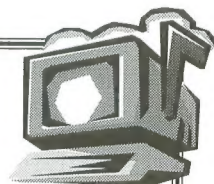


Shown here is Dale Goodman, KD4CVR showing the magic of Packet Radio.

GARS Electronic Mail List

If you have an EMail address and have not yet registered it with the club and wish to do so, please send a message to **Jack Herndon, KS4LS** and request to be added to the list.

Send to: ks4ls@ix.netcom.com



Happy December Birthdays Within GARS

By Jack Herndon, KS4LS

1	KE4D	John Veach
10	KF4EEO	Brian Vaceluke
11	KA4KKF	David Adcock
11	KE4VDI	Beverly Bryant
12	KD4HLI	David Phelps
13	AF4FO	Susan Swiderski
15	K4IR	Willard Brown
15	KF4MJP	Clark Graves
16	WD4E	Tommy Moon
16	AE4NY	Russ Richardson
17	AF4CE	Donald Willey
18	KN6DO	Jack Perry
19	KQ4TI	Patrick Moon
19	AD4PZ	Joseph Biddle
19	KD4VHV	Thedra Robison
19	W8KJM	Bernard Barnes
20		Laura Sims
20	KF4HLJ	Thomas Haley
22	KT4MQ	Sara Haynes
23	KS4EV	Steven Earl Sims
24	KE4UXW	Thomas Whalen
24	K4ZSX	Sharon Jewell
24	KF4TMO	Janice Kelley
25	WB2OGY	Steven Back
26	KF4JKK	Nancy Mabry
26	KN4N	William Tackett

Amateur Radio Testing Stats

Volunteer Examiners for the W5YI group under the leadership of Howie Gould, W4NVF compiled some figures for the past year from Aug to Aug.

Upgraded 59, fail to upgrade 22, total applicants 81, percentage that upgraded 72.8%

Elements passed 110, Elements failed 18

Total elements 128

Percentage passed 85.9%

1A= 7 pass 2 fail

1B= 4 pass 1 fail

1C= 1 pass 3 fail

02= 40 pass 1 fail

3a= 39 pass 10 fail

4a= 5 pass

4b= 9 pass 1 fail

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the **GARS** Ham Of The Year will be closed at the end of the November meeting. Any **GARS** member, except for the officers, is eligible for consideration. The award is intended to recognize an individual that has contributed significantly to the amateur radio service in general and to **GARS** in particular. In my opinion, there are quite a few people that fit this description so the final choice this year will not be an easy one. Once the nominations are in, the executive committee will meet and select the honoree from those nominated. If you have someone in mind for this award, please make sure you let one of the officers know by the end of the November meeting.

The **GARS** Service Awards, as mentioned above, will also be awarded at the Christmas party. The award is a nice certificate that recognizes the contribution of those club members that have participated in at least one club event during the past year exclusive of operating at Field Day. It's just another way of the club saying thank you to all those who took time to participate in club activities over the past year and hopefully serves as an incentive for folks to get involved in upcoming events.

Our **GARS** communication systems continue to provide a stable and reliable link for all of our members that choose to use it and for those visitors that take advantage of our great system. This is the result of behind the scene work of Howie Gould, W4NVF, Eddie Foust, WD4JEM, John Farr, KD6CLO and others. The 1997 budget included funds for upgrading the equipment at the remote receive sites. Eddie tells me that this equipment is now in and he is in the process of getting it ready to go online. Our current system includes a 2 meter repeater with remote receive sites, a 440 MHz repeater, a packet BBS, and a packet switch linked to a packet DX cluster. We will be discussing plans to expand our system at the November executive meeting and at the November club meeting so I hope to have news to report back next month.

Another person that does a great deal of behind the scene work is our Membership Chairman Jack Herndon, KS4LS. While Jack stands up at our monthly meetings and presents new members for club approval his job does not start or end there. The **GARS** email list, which now has well over 100 entries on it, is one of the many functions that Jack provides as a service to the membership that is not provided for in the bylaws. I hope that if you have an email address that you'll send Jack a message at xherndon@ix.netcom.com and become part of the distribution list. You'll also see Jack handing out new rosters at pretty much every club function and I can't tell you how much I appreciate getting the updated membership database via email whenever it's update. My thanks to Jack and his team for a job well done.

The **GARS** Field Day Chairman, Mark Kozma, KD3GC is putting together his team for Field Day 1998. I know that he already has recruited some key players for that team but he can always use other help. We had a great FD'97 and want to repeat that kind of effort and experience for FD '98. That kind of event does not just happen, it takes a dedicated team of people to make sure that all the components come together at the right time. The opportunity is here now to be part of the team so give Mark a call and join up.

Since the Thanksgiving holiday is upon us I want to take the time (and space) to express a note of personal thanks. I want to thank my wife Sue and my two children, Candy and Liz for the understanding that allows me to give my time to the club. It means juggling schedules and arranging transportation but they do it each and every month and in fact each and every week. My level of involvement with **GARS** would not be possible without their support and their help. So to them I'll raise a toast of thanks when I sit down at Thanksgiving dinner.

I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and hope that you are able to share it with your family and I look forward to seeing all of our **GARS** family at the next club meeting and at the Christmas party.

World Famous Hams

compiled by Karl Phillips, N4J0N
(Howie - Not Included)

POLITICS

Barry Goldwater - Former Senator from Arizona - K7UGA
King Hussien of Jordan - JY1
Juan Carlos - King of Spain - EAOJC -
Carlos Saul Menem - President of Argentina - LU1SM

MUSIC

Patty Lovelace - Country Music Singer - KD4WUJ
Ronnie Milsap - Country Music Singer - WB4KCG
Chet Atkins - Country Music Guitarist - WA4CZD
Emory Gordy, Jr - Nashville Record Producer - W4WRO
Donnie Osmond - Singer - Ex - KA7EVD

TELEVISION & MOVIES

Marlon Brando - Actor - FO5GJ
Gary Shandling - Comedian - KD6OY
Walter Cronkite - Former CBS News Anchor - KB2GSD
Johnny Beckman - Former CH. 11 Weatherman - W4BTX
David French - CNN Newsman - N4KET
Roy Neal - Broadcast Newsman - K6DUE
Arthur Godfrey - TV Entertainer - K4LIB (sk)

SPORTS

Joe Rudi - Former Oakland Athletics Outfielder - NK7U

Available Speed Dials

**There are a few
Speed Dials available**

If someone wants one they should contact Howie at 770-921-8362. These are on a first come first serve basis.

WHY DO THE WEIRDOS ALWAYS PICK ON ME?

by Larry Osborne, WT4XX

A year or so ago, when the solar flux was real low, I had the opportunity to speak to an unusual amateur - in fact, he seemed to be from another world of some sort. You may remember his strange callsign - TOLR8. He may have been speaking from his other world, but the problems in his world sometimes were similar to ours. If you have not figured out the meaning of his callsign, try TOLERATE.

My last strange contact took place on a HF band, and this new one would as well.

Here was poor old Larry, just minding his own business a few weeks ago, when it happened again! But I did not know it at first. I was listening to noise on 14.250, while I was pecking on the computer. The A and K indexes were so high that even the shortwave broadcasters had trouble. That night, the fog was so thick it dripped from the trees. Then I was startled to hear someone I D as IM1TU. Since that was a prefix for Italy, I figured I would have a little QSO with the guy.

IM1TU, here is WT4XX, near Atlanta, Georgia.

WT4XX, this is IM1TU. My HTQ is Sardalonia, and my name is Obo, Oh Bee Oh, Obo. Your signal is 12 X 12, over over.

(WHAT? - 12 X 12? - Is this a metric signal report or something? Well, one way to find out!)

IM1TU, my name is Larry, and your report is 5 and 7. But Obo, I am a little confused - why did you say my report was 12 X 12. Over.

Well, Larry, whenever I hear anyone, I give them the maximum report possible, no matter what their signal is really like. Over.

Obo, for one, I am still confused by the 12 X 12. I have never heard of a report that high. Second, I usually like to give folks an honest report. Otherwise, the station I talk to has no idea what his signal is really like. Over.

Larry, I figure if I can hear the station, he gets the max, and the max is 12 X 12. Over.

(Kind of strange, but I'll just drop it. No sense in getting into an argument) Obo, I am also confused by your callsign. It seems to be one for Italy, but part of the prefix could be one for Sardinia. Can you explain? Over.

Larry, I do not know where Italy or Sardinia is. My callsign is the same callsign that about 100,000 Semipros have in my country.

(It should have hit me, but who would have thunk?)

Obo, wait a minute. About 100,000 radio operators in your country have the same callsign?

That's a Cecil, Larry. By the way, Knah is in the room with me and he says "Hi!"

(That explains everything! I made it into that parallel universe again. Knah was that guy I talked to last year in West Dakota! I should have picked up on that 'semipro' thing, as that is what they call amateur radio operators in the other universe.)

Obo, this is WT4XX, and now I know why things seem a bit strange to me. Maybe my friend Knah can tell me why is it that so many people have the same callsign? Over.

Larry, this is Knah speaking. In our universe, we give one callsign to a certain type of radio operator. They keep that callsign until they change their ways. We want people to be involved, to learn, and to improve their skills. If they don't, they lose their real callsign and get the IM1TU callsign. Since they are all alike, they lose their individual callsign. Over.

Well, Knah, explain a little more.

Larry, first there is the Semipro that does not want to use his privileges to help the community. Another is the operator who never has time for a club activity. Or we have some who use the radio for extended conversations that should take place on their commercially supplied telephonic device. Others get on the frequencies and purposely interfere with others, or are rude, hateful and obnoxious. We feel these people all belong in the same group, so we give them the same callsign. It is not a question of

being tolerant, because we encourage individuality and tolerance. It is a question of wastefulness.

I am at Obo's home because he asked me to help him climb out of his do-nothingness and rejoin the active Semipro community. Over.

Knah, that is a strange rule, but I can see why you folks decided to do that.

Larry, we figure all those folks are like pulpy oblong vegetables who kind of take up space but who do not contribute. Since each one is a punrut in his own way, they do not get an individual callsign.

Knah, what is the meaning of the letters and numbers in the callsign?

Larry, we need to know immediately when a punrut is on the air, so we can give them encouragement and help. Also, we want them to be able to recognize their own group. With this callsign, they don't have to say "I am one, too," since their callsign says it for them.

Knah and Obo, you are starting to fade. I guess some galaxy is getting in the way. I'll have to think about your system. Who knows if and when we will talk again. Maybe then I can tell you something about our world. Until then, keep well and good luck to Obo. Over.

K.O., Larry, we'll be listening for you. TLR8 and IM1TU out.

WOW! Why is it that no one else ever talks to these guys? Whatever. Maybe it's like a UFO - people talk to those strange guys but do not talk about it to their friends?

I have learned something new every time I have spoken to someone in that other universe. I am glad I am not in that group that has the same callsign. Would their system work here? We do have Hams like the ones Knah describes. I guess I should help the people I know that are like the ones that Knah described. We need to keep the "I am one, too" crowd as small as possible.

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Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society Field Day Results 1997

Compiled by Joe Biddle, AD4PZ from ARRL Tabulations

Below is a table of scores extracted from those results listed in the November 1997 QST magazine. There are a lot of stories that the statistics can tell and sometimes they can't tell the whole story. Those items compared are based on other Georgia stations and those similar conditions that GARS operated under. Those conditions were emergency power and Quantity of rigs used. Not considered in this list were commercial, battery, solar, etc. power.

GARS came in Third in the nation under the 7A category and First in the state of Georgia for 7A (GARS was the only listing under 7A in GA). Of those Georgia stations participating GARS scored very favorably.

We made the most GA contacts of those reporting at **2,216 contacts** (QSO's).

Therefore, having captured a good portion of the ARRL Sections we scored the most GA points at **7,370**.

We also did pretty well when the quantity of contacts are broken down to QSO's per rig. Which of those GA stations reporting the **average contacts per rig were 289 with GARS reporting 317 contacts per rig**.

As I said earlier, the numbers will only tell part of the story. The story with the GARS Field Day Event was so much more than quantity of contacts. There were those learning points scored with the newcomer to Amateur Radio. There were those points scored with those who had never been exposed to a particular facet or operating mode. There were those points scored when the individual made him or herself more proficient in any of the operating modes including logging. There were those points scored exposing Amateur Radio in general to the non-ham perhaps sparking enough interest for someone to pursue and obtain their own Amateur Radio License.

Sure we probably could have made more contacts but at what risk? I personally sat down with a few 'newbies' and where they may have made three or four contacts I could have in the same time made 15-20. But the enjoyment of lending a hand and letting the newcomer make contacts and see them grow from a mic shy person to a real "can't wait for the next one" HAM RADIO OPERATOR was all worth it.

Club Name	Call	Class	Tot. QSO's	Qty. Ops	Tot. Pts.	QSO's /RIG	Points/ Rig	QSO's /Operator
Hunters Ridge Hams	K4BEH	1	652	10	2972	652	2972	65
GA Tech ARC	W4AQL	1	784	10	2312	784	2312	78
Euijay ARC	W4HHH	1	645	8	1990	645	1990	81
Ringgold ARC	W4ABZ	2	1595	8	5364	798	2682	199
Southern Piedmont	WD4NHW	2	717	12	3652	359	1826	60
ARC of Savannah	W4HBB	2	752	60	3130	376	1565	13
Thomasville ARC	W4UCJ	2	481	37	1874	241	937	13
Lanierland ARC	W4ABP	2	439	15	1622	220	811	29
North GA College	W4PYM	2	579	16	1858	290	929	36
Gremilion Memorial	K4SEX	2	399	20	1488	200	744	20
Athens RC	N4ALE	2	429	25	1392	215	696	17
Wedixie ARC	WB4MZO	2	232	5	1158	116	579	46
Glynn ARA	K4TVE	2	303	15	1046	152	523	20
Dublin ARC	WA4HZX	2	69 2	5	692	35	346	138
Statesboro ARS	KF4AG	2	122	22	444	61	222	6
Columbus ARC	W4CVY	3	1069	15	4880	356	1627	71
Kennehoochee ARC	W4BTI	3	908	30	3170	303	1057	30
Alford Memorial RC	W4BOC	3	718	50	3116	239	1039	14
Broad River ARC	NG4Q	3	1002	12	2610	334	870	84
Macon ARC	W4BKM	3	598	40	1882	199	627	15
ARC of Augusta	W4DV	3	467	25	1742	156	581	19
Tri-State ARC	KF4GPO	3	527	20	1586	176	529	26
GCERC ARC	W4LMA	3	335	7	1352	112	451	48
Dalton ARC	W4DRC	3	163	42	1126	54	375	4
West GA ARS	W4FWD	5	644	30	2338	129	468	21
North Fulton ARL	KR4TG	6	1755	53	5276	293	879	33
Gwinnett ARS (GARS)	K4HS	7	2216	92	7370	317	1053	24
					Average	289	1063	40

SCANNER USE CASE DISMISSED

Via ARRL News

A Florida County judge has dismissed a case against Joseph Osborn, KF4HXE, of Plantation, Florida whose radio gear was confiscated by police under Florida's scanner law earlier this year.

Osborn was involved in a minor accident on May 8th, 1997. He was subsequently cited by police in Davie, Florida for allegedly breaking state law by having radios in his car capable of receiving police frequencies. Although the law specifically exempts hams, Davie Police impounded Osborn's equipment anyway. This, because he could not produce his ham radio license lost during a recent move.

But even after Osborn showed Davie Police a copy of his license, authorities refused to drop the charges or to return his radios. Osborn later learned that police might have tampered with his equipment, possibly damaging it and voiding warranties. Now, Broward County Court Judge J. Steven Shutter ordered the case dismissed. Judge Shutter said the state law does not require hams to have their licenses in their possession as the local police had asserted. The judge also cited federal preemption of prosecution of hams under state and local laws that make it illegal to possess scanning radios capable of receiving public safety or emergency frequencies. Florida's law bans such scanners in vehicles and in retail stores, but not in homes. But Judge Shutter did not stop there. He ordered Davie police to return

Osborn's radio equipment within ten days of his ruling. He also ordered them to provide an affidavit to Osborn specifying exactly who, what, when, where and how the radios were examined and what, if anything, was done to them.

But the Davie police have not fully complied with Judge Shutter's ruling. Osborn has recovered his radios but has not been given the required affidavit. So his attorney Alexander L. Kaplan, KF4QBU, of Boca Raton, says that he is considering filing a contempt order against the Davie Police Department. He also says he has already begun civil proceedings against the Town of Davie.

Meanwhile, an independent repair shop is evaluating Osborn's equipment to see if it was damaged.

Ike's Pot Luck Stew

By: Ike Chapman, KE4GYM

Each year when the weather starts to turn a bit nippy, the rest of the family reminds me that its time for me to cook up a batch of homemade stew. When I was growing up my family did a lot of camping as a family activity, so much so that we joined a local camping club. At the club get togethers, there would be a camp fire set up at the center of the camp area and on one night of the camp out there would be a pot luck stew made. There was a large cook pot suspended above the fire and everyone would contribute to the stew and it would cook for several hours. This recipe is an adaptation of that idea and like the camp stew it really never turns out the same way whenever I cook it.

Here's the list of ingredients:

- Stew beef (1 pound)
- Lean ground beef (1 pound)
- Tomato sauce (2 cans)
- Dry spaghetti sauce mix (1 pack)
- Worcestershire sauce (to taste)
- Tobasco sauce (to taste)

- White onion (2 medium)
- Green onion (5 to 6)
- Mushrooms (8 oz package)
- Potatoes (4 to 5 medium)
- Carrots (2)
- Green bell pepper (1)
- Fresh or canned vegetables
- Salt (to taste)
- Pepper (to taste)
- Dried mint (to taste)
- Water (as required)

When I cook this stew at home I use a large stainless steel stockpot and the quantities I've given are what I use so you will need to adjust for smaller quantities. I've also shown this recipe using beef but I've also used ham and turkey leftover from holiday dinners and it's turned out just as good.

I first prepare all the meat and vegetables by cutting them into the appropriate size. The stew beef is trimmed of excess fat and cut into bite size pieces. The onions (I use Vidalia onions whenever I can), these I dice as well as the green pepper. The mushrooms are cut into wedges and the carrots are sliced to a thickness of ~ " to ° ". The potatoes are cut into cubes and put into cold water to help remove some of the starch. I will often use red and white potatoes together in this recipe.

Combining the tomato sauce, dry spaghetti sauce, and water in the stockpot over heat starts the base for the stew. The ground beef and stew beef are browned in Worcestershire sauce, the fat is drained from the meat and that is then added to the stockpot. Let this come to a slow boil and then add the potatoes, onions, and carrots. More water is added and the mixture stirred and allowed to come to a slow boil again. Then the rest of the vegetables are added and with more water as needed to fill the pot. The stew is stirred until it reaches a slow boil at which time the seasoning is added. I usually use Worcestershire sauce, Tobasco sauce, salt, pepper, and the dried mint. The stew is then simmered over low heat, stirring frequently, until the potatoes and carrots are cooked.

...GARS Ham Of The Month

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in South Georgia. He and his grandfather tinkered with antennas and modified walkie talkies to do things they weren't supposed to do. Shame on you, Jeff!!

After graduating from high school Jeff was off to the University of South Carolina where he gave up a music scholarship because he hated to practice trumpet. Instead he opted for a major in Business Administration. While in college he worked for Radio Shack as his interests in radio continued. After college, in 1983, he relocated back to Atlanta and went to work for a footwear company, selling shoes to mall stores. Jeff says that he has been in shoes for the last 15 years. I made some crack about the aroma of his feet after that long of a time and he thought that was pretty amusing!!

Jeff's serious interest in radio really came to pass somewhat by accident as he one day went to a Radio Shack to try and purchase a better scanner than he had. Jeff had gotten into scanner monitoring and was ready to upgrade to a better one. While in Radio Shack he ran into a gentleman who was thinking about purchasing a scanner for himself. The guy was just about to pick out the crappiest, awful scanner and Jeff intervened and told the man he'd rather sell him the scanner right off his belt rather than to see him purchase that awful scanner that he was looking at. When the gentleman saw of Jeff's knowledge of scanners he flipped out a GARS card and invited Jeff to a meeting and said that Ham Radio was just what Jeff needed to get interested in. That man, who was about to blow his hard earned money on a crummy scanner was none other than Carlton McPherson - WA4ZUW. Carlton, Jeff and four other acquaintances of Jeff's went to that first meeting and that's all it took for Jeff to realize that ham radio was the "way to go". That meeting was at the Kroger in Lawrenceville and there he met Howie-W4NVF and Johnny - W4WKP for the first time. He says he really enjoyed that meeting. So much that he began study-

ing two months before he enrolled in the No-code tech class that he would later attend. Jeff got his ticket in October of 1996 and three out of the four others who attended that first meeting are now licensed hams!!

Jeff's equipment consists of a Yaesu FT101 E (right now, for listening ONLY !!), a Alinco DJ-180 handheld, a Yaesu 530 and a FT 8500 mobile unit for his car. He is looking for a 470. Most of his equipment was obtained from fellow club members. We have some real wheeler-dealers in our club...so says Jeff.

Jeff is married to Joyce, who works for the North American Mission Board. They have just moved to Sugar Hill with their two children, Chris 15 and Amy 7. By the way, Happy Birthday, Amy !!!! Since moving to Sugar Hill, Jeff has discovered other hams in the neighborhood....Doug McAlexander N4HNH and Richard Carpenter KK4AO.

Jeff currently works as a District Sales Manager for a footwear company that sells footwear to department stores in the Atlanta area. He's on the road a lot, mostly around Kennesaw, Newnan and Conyers. Jeff usually catches Johnny - W4WKP on the repeater at about 10:30 every morning.

Jeff is interested in listening to gospel music and playing guitar. (He knows 3 chords!!)

Jeff and I had a few laughs along the way during this interview. If you don't watch out, this guy will keep you in stitches. Jeff is a super friendly guy and fits into our club just perfectly. Catch him on the repeater almost anytime as he's is very active on the machine.

I hope that everyone has a great Thanksgiving and I look forward to another Ham of the Month article next month. Until then CUL and 73.

Karl
N4JON

W4G

(Whiskey Four Golf)

Sung loosely to the tune of
"Bringing in the Sheaves"
By Susan Swindeski, AF4FO

CHORUS:

Whiskey four gulf, whiskey four gulf,
That's our special call sign,
it's Whiskey four gulf.
Whiskey four gulf, whiskey four gulf,
That's our special call sign, it's
Whiskey four gulf.

1) Good ol' Howie Gould wasn't over-ruled
When he said, "Let's get a special for the club.
We'll get on one-by-one and we'll have loads of fun"
Whiskey four gulf.

2) That day at Briscoe Field, the weather didn't yield much but chilly rain for us all day.
But the hangar, it was dry and the planes were flying by.
Whiskey four gulf.

3) "Gold Rush Days" was swell and JOTA was, as well, and we worked oh seven five for two whole days.
Carl and Howie did the best, though the log book was a mess.
And we've all had such a grand time with Whiskey four gulf.

4) So quick, call on us now and we'll tell you how to get our paper hanging for your wall.
It's a great certificate (though no one's made it yet) We bid a fond adieu to....

-
.....Whiskey four gulf.

October Meeting Minutes

by Bill Ahls, KE4EIH - Secretary

Elected officers in attendance: President Ike Chapman, KE4GYM; Vice President Larry Osborne, WT4XX; Secretary Bill Ahls, KE4EIH; Treasurer, Randy Drescher, K4HS; and Activities Manager, Marty Fowler, KE4MLH.

President Ike Chapman, KE4GYM, opened the October 16, 1997, meeting at approximately 7:09 PM at the Central Baptist Church in Lawrenceville. Introductions were made by about 55 attendees.

Ike opened the business portion of the meeting, and made a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as presented in the to be read Garzette.

The Treasurer report was approved as presented by Randy, K4HS. General announcements were made and the idea of a "Techfest" was discussed. Kevin Berry, KF4RMA, volunteered to be the Techfest coordinator.

Membership Committee presented 3 applicants for membership in GARS. Motions were made and seconded to accept the applicants as presented and passed without opposition. The new members of GARS are: Jack Perry (KN6DO), Judy Perry (KD6LNP), and Bill Prince (KT4ED).

The Christmas Party reminder was voiced, December 12, \$15 for single and \$25 for a couple. Reservations are made with John and Suzanne Farr.

The program tonight was the Advanced Skywarn Class by Barry

Gooden of the National Weather Service. The discussion was preceded with video and slides of weather definitions and examples of storm fronts for weather reporting. As the weather service has incorporated Doppler radar and other more advanced instruments for storm indications, the Skywarn spotter is important to fill in the gap for actual ground level observations. This class included the latest concepts of severe storm behavior.

Apparel Manager Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, is taking all the GARS apparel orders. Hats, badges, and shirts are available. Drawing winners were Tom Fredrickson, KF4NBI, Mike Gioka, WB2SQS, Marty Fowler, KE4MLH, and Jan Kelley, KF4TMO.

There being no other business, President Ike Chapman, KE4GYM, thanked all in attendance, and appropriately adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM.

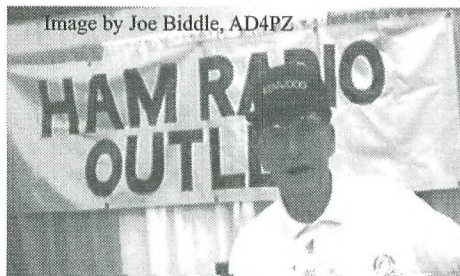


Image by Joe Biddle, AD4PZ
Recognize this "HAM" lending a hand to the HRO folks?

Two Together's Twice as Nice

By AF4FO, Susan Swiderski

He's been a ham since '63
But his hobby's allure eluded me.
That is, until this year, you see,
When the radio bug started buzzing
round me.

"I think I'll get my ticket," said I.
"Uh-huh," he thought, When elephants
fly!"

But he bought me The Book with a great
big smile,
I was a "no-code tech" in a little while,
Sitting at the radio, spinning the dial
Listening, laughing and learning the style.

"I'm gonna learn the code," said I".
"Uh-huh," he thought, When turkeys fly."

But he bought me the tapes the very next
day;
I was "General" class by the end of May,
"Advanced" soon after, and I gotta say,
It was more and more fun each passing
day.

"I'm going for extra class," thought he.
"No way in hell she's passing me!"

Well he passed his tests, then, I did too,
and we're having a blast, I'm telling you.
There's just no end to the things we do
...An expert ham and a "butterbar" too.

RANDOM RAMBLINGS

"I used to think my mind was more important than my body. Then, I realized, that it was my mind that was telling me that"

-Steven Wright-

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If only 'Someone' made toasters

By Pickett Cummins, AD4S

If Microsoft made toasters:

Every time you bought a loaf of bread you would have to buy a toaster. You wouldn't have to take the toaster, but you'll still have to pay for it anyway. Toaster'95 would weigh 15000 pounds (hence requiring a reinforced steel counter top), draw enough electricity to power a small city, take up 95% of the space in your kitchen, would claim to be the first toaster that lets you control how light or dark you want your toast to be, and would secretly interrogate your other appliances to find out who made them. Everyone would hate Microsoft toasters, but nonetheless would buy them since most of the good bread only works with their toasters.

If Apple made toasters:

It would do everything a Microsoft toaster does, but 5 years earlier.

If Xerox made toasters:

You could toast one-sided or two-sided. Successive slices would get lighter and lighter. The toaster would jam your bread for you.

If Radio Shack made toasters:

The staff would sell you a toaster, but not know anything about it. Or you could buy all the parts to build your own toaster.

If Oracle made toasters:

And their toaster was compatible with all brands and styles of bread, but when you got it home you'd discover the Bagel Engine was still in development, the Croissant extension was three years away, and that indeed the whole appliance was just blowing smoke.

If Sun made toasters:

The toast would burn often, but you'd get a really good cuppa Java.

If TRW Corporation made toasters:

It would be a large, perfectly smooth and seamless black cube. Every morning there would be a piece of toast on top of it. Their service department would have an unlisted telephone number, and the blueprints for the box would be highly classified Government documents. The X-Files would have an episode about it.

If Sony made toasters:

It would be called the ToastMan, would be barely larger than the single slice of bread it was meant to toast, and could be conveniently attached to your belt.

If Fisher Price made toasters:

"Baby's First Toaster" would have a hand-crank that you turn to toast the bread that pops up like a Jack-in-the-box.

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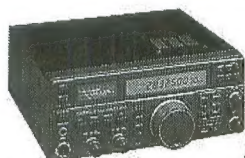
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Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers

Old Hickory House, 5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody. Dutch dinner is at 6:30PM, followed by meeting. Talk In 145.410(-)

First Tuesday

Kennehoochee ARC

First United Methodist Church in Marietta. Meeting begins at 7:30pm. Talk In 146.88(-)

First Wednesday

HamWatch

Alpha Soda Restaurant, Haynes Bridge Road, Alpharetta, Dinner at 6:30PM. Meeting at 7:30PM

First Thursday

N.E. Ga ARC

Jefferson Civic Center, off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from Jefferson. Meeting is at 6:30PM. Talk In - 147.225(+)

Atlanta Radio Club

Georgia Power Federal Credit Union, 4900 Ashford Dunwoody Road, 1 Mile North of Perimeter Mall. Meeting is at 7:30PM Talk In -146.820(-)

Second Wednesday

North Fulton Radio League

Alpharetta Diner Restaurant, Haynes Bridge Road, Alpharetta, Dinner at 6:30PM. Meeting at 7:30PM Talk In - 145.47(-)

Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club

Elks Lodge on Memorial Drive. Dinner at 6:00PM Meeting at 7:30PM. Talk In - 146.760(-)

Second Saturday

East Atlanta LAN

Scott Blvd Baptist Church in Decatur. Meeting is at 10:00AM. Talk In - 145.410(-)

3rd THURSDAY

Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Central Baptist Church in Lawrenceville. Meeting begins at 7:30 in the fellowship hall. Talk In-147.075(+)



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2nd Saturday - 8:30AM - CA VEC
Hal Martin, K14RD - 978-9160
Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain St., Stone Mtn.

3rd Saturdays - 9:00AM - CA VEC
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ - 955-3171
Marietta First United Methodist Church
56 Whitlock Ave, Room 305

4th Sunday- 2:30PM - ARRL VEC
Steve Schmidt, KR4DL - 242-6142
Episcopal Church of the Atonement
Highpoint Rd, Atlanta

4th Tuesday - 7:00PM ARRL VEC
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK - 942-6466
United Way Service Center
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville,
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4th Friday - 7:00PM
GARS W5YI-VEC
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Mon	147.21+	8:00PM	Conyers ARES Net t-162.2
Mon	145.45-	8:00PM	ARES Net (Decatur)
Mon	145.47-	8:00PM	North Fulton ARL Net
Mon	145.41-	8:30PM	MATPARC Net
Mon	3.975	8:00PM	Swap Net
Mon	147.075+	9:00PM	Gwinnett ARES Net
Tue	147.075+	8:00PM	GARS Weekly Net
Tue	147.075+	9:00PM	GARS CW Practice
Tue	145.47-	10:30PM	Insomniac Net
Wed	147.075+	8:00PM	GARS Packet Net
Wed	145.41-	8:00PM	Chapter 49, QCWA Net
Wed	146.67-	9:00PM	LARC Net
Thu	146.88-	8:30PM	Kennehoochee ARC
Thu	147.225+	8:00PM	NE Ga ARC
Thu	147.15	8:00PM	simplex
Thu	145.41-	9:30PM	AMSAT
Thu	427.25ATV	9:00PM	Amateur Television, ATV
	146.655	Voice	
Fri	3.898	8:00PM	GA Traders Net
Fri	145.47-	8:00PM	NFARL Youth Net
Fri	146.76-	Midnight	Turnip Truck Net t-107.2
Sat	7.275	8:00AM	Swap Net
Sat	3.857	9:00AM	Chapter 49, QCWA Net
Sat	146.76-	Midnight	Turnip Truck Net t-107.2
Sun	146.82-	8:00PM	ARC Net
Sun	146.76-	7:00PM	Roundtable AMRC t-107.2
Sun	7.275	9:00AM	GA Traders Net
Sun	3.983	5:00PM	GA ARES
Daily	146.76-	Noon	Brown Bag Net t-107.2
Daily	146.88-	11:00PM	Late Nite Owl Net
Daily	146.79-	8:00PM	Sassafras Mtn.
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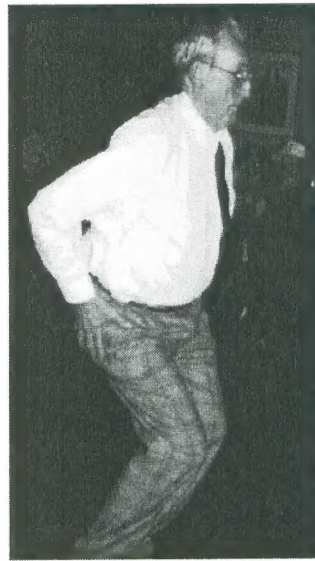
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